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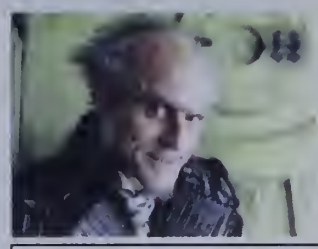

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An Unfortunate Article

Making UTM a safer place

Photo/Denyse Gibson

UTM Campus Police and Peel Regional Police are making the effort to repave and erect signs on campus roads to make the areas safer for both pedestrians and drivers. With the increased traffic volume due to construction taking place on campus, both groups fear that a motor vehicle accident involving pedestrians could result.

Concerned students seek to raise money for tsunami efforts

Student groups work together to collect donations for victims

BY JULIE TYIOS

As time runs out to provide much-needed aid to victims of the December 26 tsunamis in South-East Asia, UTM student leaders and groups have come together to organize a mass fundraising effort to contribute to relief funds in need.

In an effort to deal with the after-effects of the devastating tsunamis which have killed more than 155,000 people in Asia, this week will see a memorial take place on Monday, January 10 at 12.10 p.m. in the Student Centre Presentation Room.

"There has been an overwhelming outpouring of emotion and support worldwide and this gathering will offer UTM, as a community, an opportunity to gather and reflect on this tragedy" said Mark Overton, UTM's dean of student affairs. "As far as we know, all of our students have returned to us safely and no one at UTM was caught in the disaster regions, but there may be some students with family members and friends who were."

The memorial will feature speakers from the Canadian Red Cross and two members of the community on the importance of disaster relief.

Members of the Sri Lankan Students' Association (SLSA) have been selling blue ribbons in an effort to raise money and awareness on the impact of the event. Bake sales and raffles will be held by both the Tamil Students' Association (TSA) and SLSA on Tuesday to also raise relief money.

The Students' Administrative Council (SAC) also pitched in last week to assist in raising money - SAC held a pizza and pop night that raised over $650 in donations for the victims.

"It was really successful" said SAC Minister of Propaganda Sadia Ali. "People have even been coming into the office on their own accord and giving us money, one person handed us $100 to donate alone. People really care about this."

Other fundraising efforts have been planned by student groups, which will take place in the coming weeks on campus. Students are encouraged to attend events and donate wherever they can.

"We're doing what we can as organized as we can" said Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President Sean O'Connell. "SAC and ECSU are working together on this. We're encouraging students to participate in all of the events, especially those that will help raise funds for the tsunami disaster."

Photo/AP

An Indian woman grieves at a temple in Varichikudi over the loss of her relatives. Many of the survivors of the December 26th tsunamis are left homeless and are at risk of disease as time for aid runs out.

Increased activity at gym leads to long wait times for fitness buffs

Student resolutions to stay in shape crowd both fitness classes, FitStop

BY JULIE TYIOS

Health nuts beware - you may be facing a long wait for the use of athletics facilities at UTM following the holiday break.

As in previous years, both the Gym and FitStop facilities have begun to experience an increase in usage immediately after the New Year. Many students have pledged to get themselves in shape in time for spring through use of the free facilities- making it difficult for people to get a routine workout in at their normal times.

"If you're used to going down to the weight room at a particular time, be prepared for line-ups, especially for cardio equipment" warned UTM Athletics Program Coordinator Louise Vandenwees. "The first month back is always the busiest, as students approach their work-outs more vigorously."

Usage of the FitStop facilities peaks in the morning and at lunchtime. Those working out in the evening have a better chance at not having to wait for the equipment.

"It seems like more people are coming to the gym after New Years', I don't know if it's either on account of a resolution or to work off all that turkey" laughed FitStop attendant Andrew Snowball. "But for whatever reason, we'll most likely see it decrease and return to normal in the next few weeks."

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> - FitStop attendant Andrew Snowball

The free fitness classes offered on a first-come, first-serve basis were also reported to be full to capacity at almost every session, nearing eighty people for each one held in the gym and approximately twenty-five people for each class held in the dance studio. This new term also saw the introduction of two new courses to be offered in the fitness class schedule; the popular RowFit and YogaFusion classes.

UTM Athletics staff also reported on the increased use of the gym for athletics, also stating that many indoor campus leagues are experiencing long waiting lists for practice time.

"Volleyball, indoor soccer, basketball and ball hockey are all big intramural leagues that run throughout the day" stated Vanderwees. "We have seventeen or eighteen ball hockey teams alone and all of these leagues need to practice several times a week."

Photo/Denyse Gibson

Although many students may experience long waits and disappointments, the increase in gym use has not affected reserved gym times, including Sunday night residence students' hours and Women's Only Athletic

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Student testimonials prove that UTM carpool program is a success

By Julie Tyios

Students have provided an enthusiastic response thus far to UTM's first carpool program, which came into effect last year.

The program, which offers students reduced parking passes and preferred spots in exchange for carpooling with a buddy for at least six months of the school year, has thus far been a success and is gaining popularity for a number of reasons.

UTM's Environmental Affairs minister, Aubrey Iwaniw, had several students share their thoughts on the program. The following are excerpts from their emails.

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I only paid half the price of a regular parking pass and have an up front reserved spot. My gas cost has been cut in half, and the time I spend behind the wheel driving through the clustered traffic to and from UTM has also been cut in half. As you can see with carpooling the benefits are immense and at the same time I am doing my part in keeping the environment clean.

Ryan

*****

The carpool program has been really good. My friend and I drive to UTM together, and back home as well. This way, we save a lot of money, and wear and tear on our cars, as well as saving the environment. I think the best thing with the carpooling program though is the closer parking spots. I never have to look for a spot, I always just go to the beginning of the lot, and there is always a spot there for me.

Thank you,
Brian

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I find that the carpooling program is a great idea, I have less stress driving to school because I don't have to drive everyday, also it's great to have company when you're driving. The low price is really attractive and there are always parking spots available, and not to mention the parking spots are closer to the school.

Carpooling also helps conserve gas, which is great because gas prices are high. Hopefully more people will consider carpooling because it will save the frustration of having to find a parking spot and it will reduce traffic coming onto the campus.

Sarah

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It's working very well for me! And, there was barely any inconvenience, we just have a set time where we meet up for everyday of the week. I don't have to put up with the headache of driving everyday, I save gas, I save on my parking permit, I save my car from excessive wear and best of all, I SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!! Now that's saving.

Yaman

*****

This is probably the best decision I ever made, not only do I get to avoid the hassle of trying to find a parking spot, but I get to save on gas and help keep this campus green. At first I thought it would be a hassle to have to wait around for the people I carpooled with, but the extra time spent at school gave me time to get a lot of stuff done.

Overall it is a great program, I was really unhappy when we got rid of all the trees out front so any little bit I can do to help keep us green is great.

Denise

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Just wanted to voice my opinion of the amazing carpooling program here at Erindale campus. The carpool program is really saving me a lot of time looking for parking spots. I usually drive into school at the turn of the hour and have no time to find a spot, but I haven't been late for class since I started parking in the carpool reserved spots. It's an awesome sight to drive into school at 10:00 a.m. to find that there are empty spots available for you right at the front of the parking lot. Thanks a lot for implementing this program, it has totally changed my mornings.

Cheers,

Artur

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My best friend and I have the same schedule and it is such a great thing to be able to take turns driving to and from UTM, and also to have somebody with you while you're driving. We got to save a lot of money, love having reserved parking spots, and get to help the environment too.

Thanks,
Angela

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Me and my friend had made it so that we have the exact same schedule during our first year here at UTM, so thanks to this carpooling program, we have both a) saved a lot of money for the parking permit and b) saved money on gas. I think it is a lot better this way, because then there are less cars on the road and in our parking lots, and therefore less fuel emissions are getting into our breathing air!

You can think of it as a benefit both financially and environmentally, since, we are saving money and helping to keep the environment and air a little cleaner. I definitely give two thumbs up to carpooling, and I am planning to continue carpooling next year.

Also, it saves you a lot of time and hassle for parking spots, since they are really hard to find unless you have a reserved spot. Fortunately, we have not encountered any troubles of full lots, so far this semester, and I hope it stays that way.

I think that students should consider this program.

Sap

Events @ UTM

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Tsunami Victim Memorial

Victims of the tsunami disaster will be remembered at a memorial service on Monday, Jan. 10, 12:10 p.m. in UTM's Student Centre presentation room.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

"There has been an overwhelming outpouring of emotion and support worldwide and this gathering will offer UTM, as a community, an opportunity to gather and reflect on this tragedy," says Mark Overton, UTM's dean of student affairs.

Speakers at the memorial will include a volunteer from the Canadian Red Cross on the importance of local efforts in international tragedies, and two community members on human responses to confronting disaster.

Tsunami Relief Efforts

When: Tuesday, January 11th, 2005

Where: Student Centre

What: The Tamil Students' Association and the Sri Lankan Students' Association are hosting a bake sale, henna art and a raffle to raise money for the victims of the tsunamis in South-East Asia.

All students are invited to come out and participate in the activities to help raise money for tsunami relief funds. All proceeds will go towards charity to provide aid for the victims.

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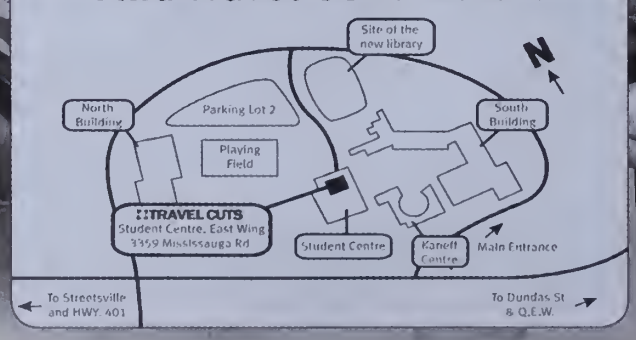

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Ukraine feels true democracy as election crisis settles

Student protesters happy with new outcome as first election deemed unfair by court

BY JULIE TYIOS

University of Toronto and UTM students of Ukrainian heritage are rejoicing in the New Year, following the win of Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko as President of the Ukraine in a mass re-election. He had been competing against the current Ukrainian Prime Minister and Russian-backed candidate Viktor Yanukovich, who allegedly won the original elections in November by unfair means.

Yushchenko, leader of the "Our Ukraine" opposition party, was a former Ukrainian Prime Minister who fell out of favour with the President and was removed from office. He lost originally with 46.7% of the votes cast.

Yanukovich, current Prime Minister of the Ukraine and former governor of the region of Donetsk, held both a criminal record and an endorsement by Russian President Vladimir Putin. He was also the candidate of choice as favoured by outgoing Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma. Highly supported politically by the corrupt governments, actions were taken to ensure he was placed in office.

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- UTM Student
Taras Rosocha

The election, which had originally closed its polls on November 21, 2004, had been called unfair by Yushchenko supporters. Yushchenko's loss was blamed on a rigged election, during which many people voted multiple times and committed other acts of fraud to turn the elections in favour of Yanukovich. Officials estimated there to be a total of over one million fake votes.

The unfairness of the elections caused mass protests and riots in the streets of Ukraine and by supporters around the world. University of Toronto students also participated in protests and demonstrations and created an Orange Ribbon Campaign to raise money for the people of Ukraine, over $250 total.

On December 3, 2004, after five days of deliberating, Ukraine's Supreme Court ruled that the election apparently won by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich was invalid. It had been called by his opponent Viktor Yushchenko as being rigged by certain authorities to favour Yanukovich. A three week re-vote was called for from December 5 to 26, which saw Yushchenko voted fairly into office.

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- U of T Student
Andrew Linkletter

"I've seen families rejoicing over this" stated third year UTM student Taras Rosocha. "This is an end to a Soviet Era, and an end to foreign insolence. It's better for Ukrainians in the long run, because now they have a better chance of being entered into the European Union. This was a communist government, now it is in the name of democracy."

Many UTM students protested the unfairness of the elections and actively sold orange ribbons to raise awareness about the crisis, unfortunately it was not well-received by some.

"We had some protests from individuals saying that we were biased . . . but Canada is a free country and everyone has the right to their own opinion" said Rosocha. "We were told by some grad students even, that it was somewhat biased. We were out to motivate students and inform them on the unfairness of the elections, and that barricade of insolence wasn't needed."

The Ukraine now faces another crisis following the wake of the elections- the question of who will be voted into the office of Prime Minister. Yanukovich still officially holds the position and was given a vote of non-confidence on December 1 by the Ukrainian Parliament. An announcement made by Yanukovich on New Years' Eve indicated that he would resign from his position, but no move has been made internally by the government to process his request.

"They're going to face a lot of problems as far as corruption goes" stated third year U of T student Andrew Linkletter on the elections. "There's going to be a lot of economic problems coming up and even more corruption. It will be interesting to see in the next few years what happens. They've taken the first few steps in moving forward to being a truly 'democratic' country."

Mass riots and protests in the Ukraine for the duration of the elections were held back by state police. Protests were held around the world including in Toronto along Bloor St. West near the Ukrainian embassy.

Question of the week

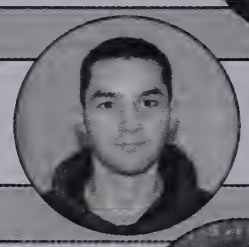
"What is your New Year's Resolution?"

Andrew Munro, 2nd year Visual Culture and Communications student

"I plan to carry out the sitting on ass resolution until the very end. I know it might be hard but as a university student I have an obligation to my parents and most of all myself. I ve done well so far."

"My New Year's resolution is to work out, and since I work here at the gym it shouldn't be that hard, and I have stuck to it."

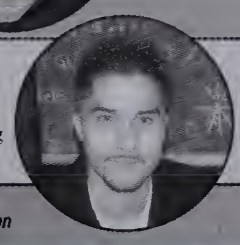
Nicole Petrilli, 3rd year Sociology student



Marc Allard, 3rd year CCIT student

"My resolution is to stay healthy, but I don't think it will last long. I'm just going to go with the flow."

"I want to do more for the community and for charity and get more involved because we are all selfish. So far it is going great."



Adil Daudi, 4th year Economics and Industrial Relations student

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Bigger facilities needed to accomodate demand

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Hours (WOAH) on Monday afternoons.

"We've committed those times exclusively" assured Vanderwees. "We would love to see more women come out and take advantage of WOAH. We're still not finding it to be immensely popular, but the fitness classes are always packed this time of year. The volume tends to decrease around Reading Week."

Participation in fitness classes and the use of the free fitness facilities are still encouraged by UTM Athletics staff.

"It's nice to see new faces" remarked Program Coordinator Andrew Bellerby. "This is something that all students have access to and should use. We haven't even really hit our peak yet, that will come [this] week. We're busier this year than ever and there is a perceived need for space."

Dealing with the increased demand for athletics will be much easier upon completion of the UTM Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC) in 2006. The RAWC will feature an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a double gymnasium, a fitness/free-weight area, a teaching studio, running track, and a sports medicine and hydrotherapy clinic.

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UTM begins two-phase road work project to improve safety

Joint project between UTM and Peel Police will have City of Mississauga *Crosswatch* program come into effect on campus

By Julie Tyios

New road safety precautions on campus are now in the works to comply with the increasing enrollment for the coming years. Recent concerns over the higher traffic volume on campus due to construction vehicles and commuters have placed a priority on both pedestrian and driver safety.

On December 15, 2004, UTM launched a three-phase construction logistics plan that aims to increase safety on campus for both groups by constructing new signs and road work to ease the flow of traffic. Much of the concern over safety lies within the large amount of construction vehicles present as a result of campus expansion, as three new buildings are in the works and are set to be completed within the next three years- The Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre, Phase VIII residence, and the Recreation, Athletics, and Wellness Centre (RAWC).

"With the number of construction vehicles we will be seeing on campus, we want to make sure any disruption is as minimal and safe as possible" said Ray deSouza, UTM's chief administrative officer.

Before the end of last semester, phase one of the project was completed - new snow fences were installed, new paving and line painting was completed and many speed bumps were removed on campus. Phases two and three will take place this month and involve reconstructing the pedestrian crosswalks, as well as changing and adding road signs around campus to better guide both drivers and construction workers around the area safely.

Also to come into effect will be a joint City of Mississauga and Peel Regional Police program entitled Crosswatch, a pedestrian safety program which aims to increase awareness and lower the number of casualties involved in a pedestrian-vehicle collision.

The program was brought about by a concern over pedestrian safety in the city, as there have been eight pedestrian deaths in the past two years as a result of vehicular collisions. Signs have been erected around the city at a number of dangerous areas to remind pedestrians of the danger and drivers to exercise caution when proceeding. Three of the ten most dangerous intersections in the city are located within close proximity to UTM, including Hurontario/Dundas Street, Southdown/Clarkson Road and Dundas/Erin Mills Parkway.

A smaller version of the program will be instituted on Erindale campus within the next month that involves Crosswatch signs placed at strategic locations and informational pamphlets which will be distributed wherever necessary.

"The recent redesign of the Inner Circle Road has made a huge improvement in the flow of cars and buses in front of the South Building" stated Manager of UTM Police Services Len Paris. "What [we] need now are better signs, crosswalks and lighting, combined with an aggressive educational campaign to get drivers to slow down when on campus.

"Every driver should allow sufficient time to get to work or class without having to speed through campus or to not stop at crosswalks" he warned. "This educational campaign and the associated physical measures will be a priority for the Campus Police and UTM in 2005."

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Campus Police Reports

December 8th, 2004 - January 5th, 2005

December 8, 2004 @ 5:00 p.m.
Theft under $5000

Personal items were stolen from a locker at the Men's Change Room in the South Building.

December 9, 2004 @ 5:30 p.m.
Harassment

A woman complained that a man on campus was harassing her.

December 14, 2004 @ 3:05p.m.
Missing Person

University Police acted on a complaint from a concerned parent who could not get hold of her daughter. The daughter, a student at UTM, was located. She was safe.

December 14, 2004 @ 10:00 a.m.
Mischief under $5000

Furniture in a common area at the CCIT Building was damaged.

December 14, 2004 @ 6:35 p.m.
Motor Vehicle Accident

A driven vehicle collided with a parked vehicle on Principal's Road. Damage was minor.

December 15, 2004 @ 10:30 p.m.
Mischief under $5000

A window was broken at the CCIT Building.

December 17, 2004 @ 2:30 a.m.
Mischief under $5000

Two students were seen using contractors' equipment at the CCIT Building. University Police cautioned them.

December 17, 2004 @ 2:51 a.m.
By-law infraction/ Smoking by an entrance to a building

University Police investigated a complaint by a student who saw a group of students smoking by an open door at the Student Center.

December 17, 2004 @ 5:54 p.m.
Personal Injury

A student cut his hand on a piece of glass while he was washing dishes. University Police took him to hospital.

December 18, 2004 @ 9:10 p.m.
Fire Alarm

Mississauga Fire Services responded to a fire alarm at Roy Ivor Hall. Smoke from cooking caused the alarm to activate.

December 18, 2004 @ 11:08 p.m.
Noise Complaint

University Police quieted a stereo at Leacock lane. Music was blaring from an open window.

December 19, 2004 @ 10:30 a.m.
Homeless Person

A homeless woman was found at the Kaneff Building. University Police assisted her. Peel Police removed her to a hospital for treatment.

December 19, 2004 @ 10:48 p.m.
Mischief under $5000

A paving brick was thrown through a window at Colman House.

December 20, 2004 @ 4:05 a.m.
Suspicious Person

University Police investigated a man after he was noticed loitering on several occasions in the Meeting Place.

December 20, 2004 @ 7:14 p.m.
By-law infraction/ Smoking inside a building

University Police investigated a complaint of people smoking inside the Student Center.

December 20, 2004 @ 5:07 p.m.
Fire Alarm

Mississauga Fire Services responded to an alarm at Erindale Hall. A sprinkler pipe burst and caused the alarm to activate.

December 20, 2004 @ 5:30 p.m.
Personal Injury

A student fell off his bike and injured his face. He was taken to hospital by ambulance. The accident occurred on Mississauga Road.

December 29,2004 @ 11:00p.m.
Trespass by Night

A female resident student contacted UTM Police and complained about a trespasser who was in the backyard of her unit. University Police attended the unit, the culprit was gone upon arrival .

January 3, 2005 @ 12:01 a.m.
Criminal Harassment
A Criminal Harassment case was dealt by the University of Toronto at Mississauga and Peel Regional Police. The individual was asked to cease all contacts with the female who was involved and was cautioned by the Peel Regional Police. UTM Police issued a trespass notice to the culprit for an indefinite time. There were no charges laid at this time.

January 5,2005 @ 2:55 p.m.
Mischief Under $ 5000.00

At North Building, two windows were smashed by unknown person(s). UTM Police attended and investigated . No suspicious person(s) to be reported.

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Worst Editorial Ever

EDITORIAL

This is an editorial about nothing. Why? For the simple reason that I have nothing to write about. Anyone who knows me well knows that this situation is rare. To put it mildly, I'm opinionated. To put it accurately, I'm arrogant. I have thoughts and opinions on just about everything, and I'll jump at any opportunity to express those thoughts and opinions to others. But this week, I have no thoughts or opinions. I'm tempted to leave this column blank, but then some might accuse me of not earning my pay cheque, so I'll fill it with drivel instead.

The first week of school in 2005 has come and gone. Everyone on campus surely did the first-week-of-school-routine. That is, they went to their lecture, listened to their prof explain the syllabus and express dire warnings about plagiarism. Then they went home, wondering why they'd bothered to get out of bed in the morning to hear about a syllabus and plagiarism.

I suppose in a way the first week of school is designed as a buffer zone. It's like middle ground between the lethargy of the holidays and the hectic stress of regular school. It would be simply inhuman to expect students to return from two weeks of nothing to full classes, tutorials, labs, homework and the like. Perhaps the university actually recognizes and respects this notion, and that is why the first week of classes is such a joke.

Speaking of jokes, did you watch the recent Junior Hockey tournament? Canada won, by a landslide. To say they won by a landslide is an understatement. The absolute worst they did in the tournament was win by only two goals. In most games, they beat the other team by more than five goals. With scores like 9-0, 7-3, and 6-1 you'd think you were watching baseball, not hockey.

It's funny when you think about it. Everyone was so gung ho about the Juniors, seeing as how the NHL's been on strike and all. Sports fans everywhere have been thirsty for hockey, and the Junior tournament seemed just the drink to satiate this thirst. But it wasn't. Well, the Canadian games weren't anyway. Watching Canada cruise to victory in every game was like watching Pee Wee Herman step into the ring with Mike Tyson. There was no challenge, no contest, no freakin' game. It was like shooting fish in a barrel, except the barrel was a hockey net that, based on the score, you'd have thought didn't have a goalie protecting it.

And how about this winter weather? I tell ya, it seems that no matter what the weatherman predicts, people aren't happy. Too cold. Too warm. Too wet. Too dry. Too windy. Too foggy. Too snowy and so on and so forth. Some people just don't understand that Canada is a cold climate during winter. They've lived here their whole life, they've seen and felt the chills of many a winter, yet they still gasp with surprise when the mercury plunges below zero. WTF?

So if you've read this far, you probably want the last five or so minutes of your life back. Unfortunately, I cannot give them to you. I hope you can take some comfort in the fact that I feel as absurd about writing this literary void as you do reading it. I also promise to do better in the future. If I am allowed one giant fuck-up in my 26 issue term as Editor-in-Chief of this paper, please consider what you have just read to be said fuck up.

I'll do better next time...

Adrian Barek

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The office is busy today. Mike, Johanna, and Denyse are all chillin with me in a Sunday YAY. Julie just came onto the office. Ahem. Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday dear Sexy Editor. Happy Birthday to you. Apparently Julie's mom is upset with her for the language she uses on MSN. For shame! Johanna's email has a sudden mind of its own. Hmm. I had a nap and the office deserted. Julie's gone out for dinner but I haven't a clue where Johanna went. Last time I saw her she was wearing her pajamas so I'd think that would limit her options, wouldn't it? Andrea and I go out for some Wendy's, and end up walking across a parking lot to Tim Horton's. Apparently walking is not something Andrea does very often in Wroxbridge. Walking is healthy. I say, and it'll help you stay in shape when you're older. Andrea agrees with me and says she can't ever get fat cause she cannot have fat sex. Personally, I've never understood the logistics of fat sex. Johanna has asked if the cartoon she planned to draw can be stick figures. Why. Because by her own admission Johanna can't draw. Makes you wonder why she is drawing cartoons if she can't draw. Denyse and I had a bit of a debate. In the end, she humbled me, proved me wrong, and put me in my place. Congrats to her, there are precious few people on this earth that have managed to get someone as stubborn as me to admit I'm wrong. There is no sign of Julie and it's 10pm...what is that birthday girl up to I wonder? Whatever it is, I hope it doesn't impede her ability to get back into the office sometime tonight and finish her section. We shall see.

Media coverage of tsunami aftermath ignores affected African nations

Along with the rest of humanity, my reaction to the tsunami which affected South Asia and Africa was one of shock and heartache. My heart goes out to the victims and families which have been affected by this natural disaster.

In the early days of the disaster, details started emerging of how the tsunami had affected South Asia and countries in East Africa. But something strange happened. Suddenly, it was as if East Africa disappeared from reports on the tragedy. Weren't African countries like Tanzania, Kenya and Somalia also affected by it?

What the media has turned a blind eye to are the effects of the disaster in Africa, namely Somalia, which was the region's hardest hit country. As an African, media ignorance of the continent does not surprise me. The number of dead in Somalia is 298 (and rising), and 54,000 people have been left homeless in one of the poorest countries in the world. Entire communities and villages have been wiped off the map in a country that has been ravaged by famine and civil war in recent years. Somali families are grieving alongside families from the affected regions.

While international aid has been pouring into South Asia (and rightly so) much less has found its way to East Africa. Africa, once again, finds itself a victim of international attention.

So remember to keep your African brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers and when possible, try to allocate some of your generosity and donations to Somalia and other African countries, which have also been devastated by this tragedy.

Sirad Shirdon

Sports section offers no real insight

I read a "letter to the editor" a couple of months back regarding the place of professional sports in The Medium. At first read, I thought that the author Richard Wu was being too critical of an amateur newspaper, only intended for UTM circulation. With every new issue of *The Medium*, however, I begin to see Mr. Wu's point more clearly.

I have two major beefs with the current sports coverage. The first being that the authors of the articles in print now really offer no "insider" perspective. Sure, fans and watchers alike can have their opinions, but I don't see why any sports fan at all would care what Joseph L. Blow has to say about the upcomming NFL week. I'm a huge sports fan, and seeing some of these opinion/prediction pieces really busts my balls. Who are you to tell me who is going to win the upcomming Rams/Seahawks contest? I don't believe I'm being too picky, because if these writers want to improve the authority of their articles, I'm sure its not that difficult to contact someone WITH some authority on the particular subject -- say a Toronto Sun sports writer -- for their opinions.

The second problem I have is that there is next to no coverage of school or local sporting events. It's not that I would mind a report on pro sports, but I would also like to hear about school sports teams, or other exclusive stories. How hard would it have been over the past three months to arrange weekly interviews with Argos' players? Or even Ice Dogs? I can read sports opinions from more credible sources all over the internet and in any major print publication. But reading insightful, creative sports related works would make me that much more willing to pick up *The Medium* every week.

Jordan Noakes

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Features

Short Prose...

Snowy Conscience

By Kien Quach

My legs shivered and my toes curled. I tucked my feet back into my warm, comforting blankets. Suddenly, Jan Arden sang *Wonder Drug*. My alarm blasted on and screamed at me to wake up. Nine AM it warned me in big red numbers.

"God damn it, I don't want to get up," I moaned.

I peeled back the fluffy blankets that wrapped around me like a burrito and wiggled my way out of bed. I stuffed my feet into my fluffy, orange Garfield slippers and clicked off the alarm.

The weather man last night on City TV had warned that there would be a snow storm today. I shuffled over to the window and bent back a slat of the blinds to see if Harold Hussain was right.

"Jesus Christ!" I screamed.

Snow blanketed Madison Avenue. Snow smothered the parked cars on the street. Snow covered the fire hydrant in front of my house.

How the hell am I going to drive to school in this?

I clicked on the TV and scuffed into the washroom to brush my teeth. I yanked my blue tooth brush out of its holster on the wall, slapped on some tooth paste and started brushing. The Mark Daily on City TV began announcing school closures. I stopped brushing. I bit the tooth brush between my teeth and crossed my fingers hoping to hear the University of Toronto at Mississauga, "...and lastly Humber College is closed." I uncrossed my toothpaste slobbered fingers and sighed. No mention of UTM.

I brushed my teeth, thinking about missing school today. I knew that driving on the highway today would be dangerous, horrible and stupid. On the other hand I didn't want to miss class. Professor Johnson planned to talk about white dwarf stars today in Astronomy 101.

I finished brushing and hobbled back into the living room. I dug the remote out from the sofa cushions and switched to channel three. I wanted to see what the other news stations said; maybe they'll be nicer and tell me that everything is fine and that City TV lies. The other stations announced that Seneca, George Brown, Ryerson and York were closed. Still no mention of UTM.

"Okay, enough," I said to myself.

I dug the cordless phone out from the piles of text books on my coffee table and called my dad at work.

"Dad, I don't know what to do. Should I go to school?"

"Are, you crazy? Look at all the snow. Stay home, I think you can afford to miss a day."

"But I need to go to Astronomy; I'm behind in that class."

"It doesn't matter; you'll get into an accident out there."

"Oh alright, I'll stay home." I sighed.

"Good, I'll talk to you later."

I hung up the phone and plunked myself down on the couch. My conscience started to talk to me, "What are you doing you lazy bum? Get dressed, be a man, you're Canadian! Snow is your middle name! Go to school." After a minute of listening to this voice, I got dressed and packed my books in my backpack.

I closed the heavy oak door behind me and stepped into the snow. The wind howled and spit snow into my face - I squinted. I marched through the deep, cold snow towards my car. The snow crunched under my boots. It's just snow; no big deal.

The snow had swallowed my Ford Taurus, blending it in with the white world of Madison Avenue. With shivering hands I reached into my jean pockets for my car keys and opened the door. I started the car and stretched into the back seat with my arm for the snow brush. I brushed the snow off. Thick heavy snow plopped off my car.

I drove slowly towards the Gardiner Expressway, skidding at every turn and sliding every stop. The highway hadn't been ploughed. Cars crawled slowly. It reminded me of a tortoise race I once saw in elementary school. I turned on the radio.

"It's nasty out there folks. If I were you, I'd stay home."

"Oh rubbish," I muttered.

I turned the radio off and blasted my U2 CD. I continued slowly, calmly and cheerfully, singing along to "It's a beautiful day."

The traffic sped up.

The road bent to the left as it approached an intersection with highway 427. I followed the bend. I glanced over to the right. An old black Honda Civic and a yellow Volkswagen Beetle had smashed into each other and slid to the shoulder.

The brake lights of the car in front of me flashed on. Traffic slowed down. I panicked and slammed on my brakes. My car swerved to the right and turned itself 90 degrees with the road, sliding along sideways at 100km/h. A giant yellow school bus behind me slowed down and honked its horn viciously.

I gripped the steering wheel and frantically tried to adjust. My heart pounded in my chest. My car swerved back on course. The school bus stopped honking. I continued in my lane. My body trembled.

When I got to school and parked my car, I turned off the engine and sat in silence. A few other snow-covered cars sat in the parking lot. I took a deep breath and trudged towards the South Building doors.

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Extremes

By Manuela Rotar

Fearless sentiment, miraculous sensation,
From top down to my toes;
This emotion's taking over,
A life overdose.

Tremendous sensation, ardent desire,
Trembling down my spine,
My body's been conquered,
Our souls have intertwined.

Contagious happiness, short-felt life,
This feeling tears my being;
I've reached my deepest extremes,
I let go of all my fears.

In Unity

By Mateus Kusiba

He stands in the rain
As it pours like cents

Washing windows and pane
In refrain

The wind
Brushing
Cooly

Reflects brightness
of bright specs
Shining
in her eyes

Stars Descend

By Maryangel Mendoza

Stars descend
I cry for you and dread the dawn
In the night so dark
I chant
-Make a wish,
with a sparkle of a fairy the creatures, we all sing
and gaze
at the star littered sky.
Stars descend
I cry for you
with knowledge of what shall come
in the hours soon approaching
the sun creeps its way in,
the rays,
they leak through ·
until they conquer the summer-scented nights
brighter and brighter
the sun is pushing through
what was once a silver magical ballroom
is now
only a memory;
to the lover's waiting to meet again..
when the stars descend.

Blankets with Teeth

By Chris Hickey

I can make you remember,
I can make you forget,
I can open your mind,
I can make you mine...

Invite the darkness
And close all the doors.
Dart your eyes in eternity
And enter the world of my dream.

A clown's inside the closet
Cackling inside your head.
Shiver, breath deep, try to scream
And enter the world of my dream.

I can make you remember,
I can make you forget,
I can open your mind,
I can make you mine...

Ravaged is the body
You try to wash it clean.
Life's food swirling down the drain
And enter the world of my dream.

A chorus of shadows
Gripping with fingers quite keen.
Molesting your fragile brain
And enter the world of my dream.

I can make you remember,
I can make you forget,
I can open your mind,
I can make you mine...

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Interview...

'Rez Life'

By Syed Sarfraz Ali

Ashish Kabir, proud U of T Rez student from 1996 to 2001. Graduated with a developmental Biology degree. Currently employed as an IT consultant. He was President of the Residence Council at the University College, executive on the University council Literary and College Student council and a RA (Resident Assistant) during his time at U of T. I know him through his brother, who was my classmate back in high school. We set a meeting at a quiet Second Cup near Don Mills Centre.

Syed: How did the 'Rez Life' change you?

Ashish: I really enjoyed the residence community and environment at U of T. It was an excellent way to meet students, make new friends and acquaintances. I met my closest friends on residence. Of course it was hard to balance the socializing with the studying. Student involvement enriched my personality, eventually helping me stay in touch as an Alumni. I maintain a connection to U of T. It's dynamic and it's always interesting. It's recuperated in some way. I'm still friends with the Dean.

Syed: How did being involved enrich your personality?

Ashish: I feel like I touched people's lives taking part in student politics, building our own community and environment. I left with a good feeling....oh and make sure you leave!

Syed: Why did you decide to be involved?

Ashish: My primary reason for being involved was to accomplish something by helping people. Helping a person figure out how to party or how to study, one way or another just helping them out. I had no political opportunity back in Abu Dhabi, the place where I was raised. I wanted to get the opportunity to affect a large number of people rather than just burying my nose in the books. Most of the work was voluntary, honorarium.

Syed: Did you see any changes in the political structure of residence at U of T since you became involved?

Ashish: The Rez council was a mess, false logistics, no constitution, no administration process. They were apathetic to rez students needs. No accountability. It's absolutely more coherent now. Current students part of the rez community and council today assume the structure has always been the status quo. The Residence council at University College misused the $3000 given to them that was meant to be spent for the students on Rez. When I came in, $7000 was entrusted to us. We took more initiative to enrich lives and created an active decision process with meetings, committees and involvement with the Dean. Social events were terribly organized. One time there was an event poorly advertised where only a handful of Rez students, out of a possible 700, showed up. It had to change. There was a need for committees in academics, sports, social events, you name it. You couldn't speak to anyone to address your concerns. There was a student who had a terrible allergy to smoke. The building was old and a risk of a fire hazard existed when smoking indoors. A smoke-free building was an issue and smokers lost out. The Dean's office was for the smoke-free environment, at the time. Students surprisingly voted for the smoking ban including the reps of their houses. There was of course dissent. Regulating food was another issue. Having specific types of food for different ethnic holidays. Certain foods like peanuts were not served due to some people's tendency to be allergic to them. Housing wasn't cheap. Students who truly needed to get back on residence usually lucked out because the organization didn't really give a shit and address those concerns. There used to be like three people of the decision-making process who decided who'd come back. More often than not it turned out to be their friends. Available spots were disappearing through the late 90's at U of T downtown on Rez. It was just a lottery system in the past without really understanding the issue. The Dean picked and formalized staff and a points system that could help students claim the right to return. GPA, people who don't live in Toronto, and involvement with activities were just some of the criteria for the points system. The council till this day is debating weight-age on those points. So I moved on as an executive for University College's Student council. It was quite political on policy. Bigger committees including academic appeals. I personally overlooked the construction of a new residence building. We had food drives, intramural sports and building issues mostly.

Syed: Wow. So what about your time as an RA. How did that influence you?

Ashish: My time as an RA was compelling and rewarding. I was hired as an RA, instead of volunteer. Free rent, what more could you ask for? I handled individual problems of students of my house and truly felt like a big brother. There were definitely discipline issues like two boneheaded students getting expelled for breaking into the gym. The allegation of date rape was big. The resolution was difficult and sometimes tense. You go through the year like a parent. All in all it was very gratifying.

Syed: What was your best and least moments as far as taking part in all your resident activities?

Ashish: The constitution created was the best moment. Students today take the rules for granted thinking they were always there. But in fact we legislated it. It doesn't bother me that they don't know. Just to know it's still functioning today and I helped draw it up is just grand. I'd say my least moment would be Reps not having the same views I did. It's the cardinal rule of a democracy I guess. The most popular view wins. It hurts when you see a friend you support losing out. You accept it and move on. Look at it as a positive. You were part of a process. Your hard work shows by the name put up on one of the walls of University College. Going back, you think 'Oh My God, they're so young'. That's the way life is. I wouldn't do anything different if I had to do it all over again. It's a phase in your life that is important to determine. It's an experience, make the most of it.

Picture of the Week...

Higher Learning

By Sara Moosa

Rant...

That Feeling

By Johnny Brantford

I have this intense feeling of discomfort churning inside of me. I can feel it within my gut. It's like that feeling you get when you're on the highway and a car slams its breaks in front of you, and you've got a split second to react. So you slam on your breaks and hope that they'll be strong enough to stop you from smashing into the silver Acura TL in front of you. And your foot presses so hard against your break pedal that you think the cables underneath are going to snap. And your hands grip the steering wheel so tight that all the blood is pressed out from your fingers and builds up in your pulsating wrists. And that feeling in your gut of fear, anxiety, anger and resentment churns and turns within you. This is how I feel. Except my feeling does not go away when I realize that I missed the car in front of me. If I locked the breaks and swerved out of the way just in time, that feeling would go away. But this feeling lasts. It lasts because I haven't missed the car in front of me yet. That asshole who slammed his breaks on the fast lane of the QEW because he saw an empty Burger King bag on the road and thought it was a fucking rabbit doesn't even exist. He was never born. This shit didn't even happen. But that's how I feel. As if I'm freeze framed - locked into a second that was never there. Every few minutes, my heart stops and starts again. Every few minutes, this feeling hits me and then goes away. It happens when I realize that I'm not being myself. That dissociation from me causes some fucked up, unwanted, out of body experience. It hits me like a freight train and then goes away, every few minutes, every damn day.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

There is nothing *Unfortunate* about this film's cast

MOVIE REVIEW:
Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events

BY SCOTT PIETRANGELO

It's always interesting to see which gets more hype: the movie or the celebrity starring in it. In the case of *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*, the selling point seemed to he Jim Carrey, yet the film carried itself very well without the aid of his star power. In fact, this is the first film in which Carrey seems to be equally matched, if not surpassed, by his costars.

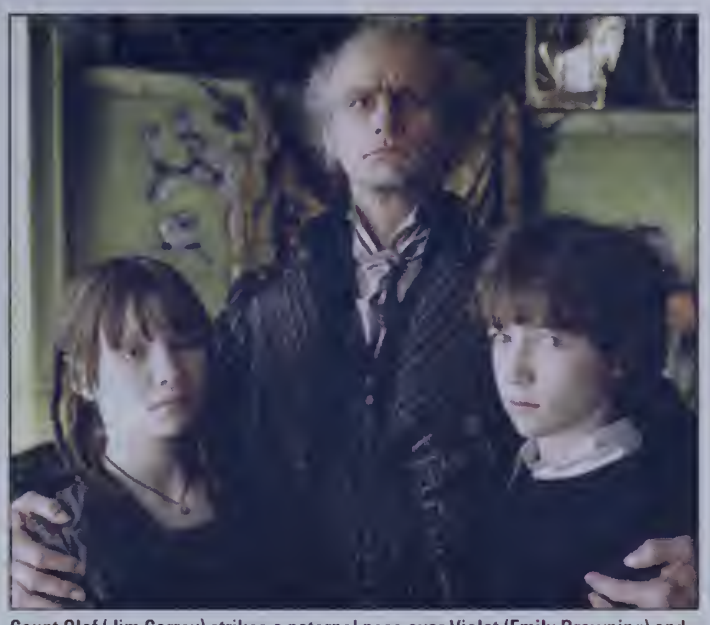
We enter a very dark and magical Tim Burton-esque world, and meet the Baudelaire children. Violet (Emily Browning), age 14, is an incredible inventor who only needs to tie her hair back and think to find ways out of sticky situations. Her brother Klaus (Liam Aiken), age 12, is an intelligent reader and researcher with stores of knowledge at the ready. Their baby sister Sunny has the unique ability to bite through anything, a skill that proves useful. After their parents die in a tragic fire (the first unfortunate event), they are sent to live with their geographically closest relative, Count Olaf (Carrey), who happens to be a terribly egotistical and horrible actor.

Some Carrey nay-sayers might say he was typecast.

After a failed attempt by Olaf to run the children over with a train in order to obtain the family inheritance (foiled through the quick thinking of Violet and Klaus and Sunny's sharp teeth), they are sent to other various relatives. First they meet the snake-obsessed Uncle Monty (Billy Connolly), then the neurotic and paranoid Aunt Josephine (Meryl Streep), only to have Olaf continually show up as different characters to bring them back into his custody. If you can't guess what unfortunate events befall the relatives, I won't spoil it for you.

> "I'm sure I would have adored this movie in the Tim Burton phase of my early teen years... but at this point I'd have to say it was simply a good movie"

There are various surprising cameos throughout the film, including a spot by this reviewer's favourite actor, Dustin Hoffman, as a theatre critic (go figure), and none other than Cedric the Entertainer as the city's police chief. Why? I'm not too sure, but he was humourous at any rate. Fans will recognize "Stiffler's Mom" (Jennifer Coolidge) as one of Olaf's theatre compadres, as well as an appearance by "Mr. Wick" (Craig Ferguson) from *The Drew Carey Show* as a "Person of Indeterminate Gender." No joke, that's what it says in the credits. Jude Law provides the narration for the film as Lemony Snicket himself, and



Count Olaf (Jim Carrey) strikes a paternal pose over Violet (Emily Browning) and Klaus (Liam Aiken) as their guardian following the tragic death of their parents.

Catherine O'Hara of *Beetlejuice* fame plays the caring Justice Strauss who, strangely enough, performs a wedding ceremony for Olaf and Violet. You'll have to see the movie to understand that one.

Carrey is great as ever, but so is everyone else. The children are a joy to watch and their quirky relatives are strange, yet completely believable. I have a feeling that Carrey might have finally been knocked off his high horse (judging from his lack of enthusiasm for the movie in his Letterman interview). I doubt he's used to having other actors shine as much as him in a particular film. I say good for him. It's about time he learned to share.

I'm sure I would have adored this movie in the Tim Burton phase of my early teen years (much of the film is designed by the same people who work with Burton on many of his films), but at this point I'd have to say it was simply a good movie. It was brilliantly acted, scripted and designed, but it just seemed to lack that little extra bit of wonder to it all. I did love the way the children were able to overcome anything because of the use of their minds instead of magic (as in the case of Harry Potter). The scene in which they create their own personal sanctuary within Olaf's gloomy estate was particularly touching.

My only real confusion is that I'm not really sure who this film was created for. The kids in the theatre certainly didn't understand the notion of inheritance and the laws that surround it, which left them confused. The adults didn't get quite enough energy from the film to keep them entertained for the duration of its run. I suppose it's just one of those films which will eventually exist as something you can always pop in the machine a few years from now for an entertaining rainy afternoon. It's too bad to see such fine performances by all actors fall a bit too short because of the finished product.

If anything, go see it for the relationship between Sunny and Olaf. It's priceless. Otherwise, save these *Unfortunate Events* for a rental the next time you need a few good laughs and a personal sanctuary of your own.

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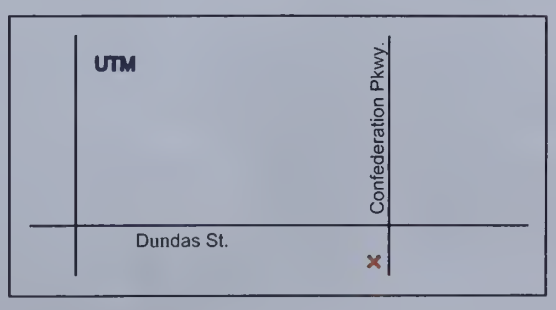

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UTM student talks about becoming a filmmaker

Simon Chang, a student at UTM with a passion for movie-making, spoke with Johanna Kristolaitis about his projects and the way his life influences his work.

What got you into film-making?

Well, I'm normally a writer. I'm mostly into short stories and maybe a little poetry and all that, but I really wanted to experiment with different types of storytelling, such as plays and movie-making and even radio productions. Just because you can do different things in different mediums, and to see what you can do in one medium that you can't do in another.

Have you written any plays or radio plays yet or did you start with the movie?

I've done a few things in high school, for like independent projects. We had to script a play and then actually get people to direct and perform it for us, so I did a bit of that. And then I finally got a digital camera for Christmas last year, and that had little mpegs on it, so I figured I could do something simple at first and then work up from there.

So I guess you were writing before you were directing. Did you ever have anyone direct something you wrote, other than that play in high school? Like in terms of films, you wrote and directed these.

That's hard to do because I've met people who are interested in acting, but I've never met anyone who's interested in the actual movie-making process. Actually, I finally did meet someone after I finished this one so for one of my next films I might get them to direct instead. But it came down to being there wasn't anyone I trusted enough to handle the camera while I could act or sit at the sidelines. So it was easier for me as a writer and director to just be behind the camera all the time.

Have you directed anything anyone else wrote?

No. This is it.

How did The Rules of Their Game come about?

Part of that was...Ok, the simple answer is that I actually got some money over the summer and actually bought the equipment and wrote the script and all that. The longer answer is that some of the stuff actually happened to me in real life. So it was kind of a way to, um... because that part of my life kind of sucked I guess, so it was just a way of balancing things out, turning a bad thing into a good one. So, I took the two roommates arguing, that was something, and our house really did get trashed. And there was a similar incident where I was having lunch with a girl and she went out with her boyfriend later and I saw them and it kind of depressed me a bit. So I drew from that to something I thought first-year students could relate to, just what they're expecting from university and maybe what it's really like.

You mention envisioning *The Rules of Their Game* and *Over the Edge*, the comic strip included on the CD, as part of the same series.

I wrote the first story, *Over the Edge*. That was written like two summers ago. And my friend was really bored one day, and she's an artist, so she decided to see what she could do with it, in terms of just adapting it into a comic book. And that's another medium that is different from writing and from movie-making so it offers different possibilities for storytelling, and that was just fun to see happen.

So Over the Edge was written first, but chronologically...

Chronologically, this one, *Rules of Their Game* comes first, yeah. Just going back and fleshing out different parts of the characters' stories.

Are you planning on doing anything to make it a series?

A lot of the people I showed it to, they weren't really satisfied with the ending because there wasn't any resolution between Kyle and Monica or the roommates, so I've actually gone back and wrote kind of a follow-up to that. And I just finished writing that over the break, so that's probably going to be going into production soon.

photo/ Simon Chang

Lucas (Luc Forgeron) and Kyle (Jonathan Cheung) share a moment and a shot in *The Rules of Their Game* by Simon Chang.

So I guess that's what you're working on now, that's your next project?

There was that, there was another story involving an underground Erindale mafia situation. (Laughs) And I'm also staff on the Erindale Taiwanese Association and we were trying to get like a video film project started there. That's been horribly delayed for months on end, so I'm hoping to get that started soon.

So you have lots of things in the works then.

Yeah. I'm not sure how many of them I'll actually get done, but it's there, it's on the table.

Are you planning to do anything else with The Rules of Their Game, like entering it into any festivals?

I know we have the Erindale Film Festival. I'm not aware of any others.

There's a U of T-wide one, but I don't know when it is.

Ok, yeah, that'd be a possibility. I do most of these, like I did this one for myself mostly. Just to see if I could actually tell a complete story instead of... like the usual film festivals are more or less like short skits, just a short running gag maybe, and in this one I was trying to tell a more complete story.

What brought you to UTM? From where?

I'm from Brampton. UTM is actually... I was aiming a bit high. I was actually aiming for Harvard originally, and I didn't get in.

Wow, that is a bit high.

Yeah, that's really high. And I didn't get in, so I figured Erindale's relatively close to where I live and it's a good school, so it's a good choice to go for four years.

What are you taking here?

English and CCIT.

What's your favourite course?

There was a nice film course last year, or last semester actually, but right now British Fiction before 1832. It's a great Prof, great lecture, it's just that it's three hours long, so it's kind of hard to sit through.

Do you find the film courses you've taken here have been helpful in terms of learning what to do with film?

It's interesting. It reiterates some things I've already learned, just through the process of film-making itself. Continuity, how one character has to look one way and the other has to look the other way if you want a conversation to flow. And I've also learned other things, such as, there's a thing called the thirty degree rule, where the camera has to move thirty degrees to film the next scene. Otherwise it's jarring and it doesn't really match up. And there's a lot that I wish I put into the first one because when I look back on it, there are places I just wince and it's so bad.

What advice would you have for other students, or lessons you've learned along the way?

Practically, if you're going to attempt a student film – and, you know, it's a very fun and challenging and rewarding thing to do – make sure it's within the limits, not only in terms of time constraints and money constraints, but just things you can actually, practically do on campus. Aim realistically, basically. And do something you'll have fun with. I mean, the more fun you have with it, the more likely you're going to complete it.

That's a good point. Half-finished projects all over the place.

Yeah, I've had that before. That's another reason I wanted to do this, because I started a film project in high school and it was too ambitious and I never finished it, so this was a way to wrap up that loose end.

Good *Reason* to pick up this full-length CD

CD Review
The Reason,
Ravenna

By René "Mad Dog" Rodriguez

Hardcore/punk Canadian band The Reason is back with their first full-length album, entitled *Ravenna*. This is a follow-up to their debut EP, *Problems Associated with Running*, which featured three explosive songs that are present on *Ravenna*.

The Reason has managed to make a name for themselves within the past two years of their existence, playing shows around the country and producing stellar-sounding music. They have been described as emotional hardcore, the kind of music that has become popular in recent years among youth and the Canadian music scene.

Previously known as Sewing with Nancie, the band changed their name two years ago and refined their sound, joining the latest style of hardcore-punk that has become the trendy band sound of the new millennium. The Reason, however, has taken this genre to another level, making it sound original all over again, and adding a new dance-type feel to the angsty, emotional style, with well-written guitar parts and catchy drum beats.

> "The diversity of the album is reflected in each unique track"

The music on *Ravenna* is infectious, and well worth the money of any fan of the band or the genre itself. This ten song original album has so far garnered raving reviews all around the board, featuring such tracks as "Subways in Pittsburgh" and "Red Sky at Dawn," both worthy of some extra attention. The diversity of the album is reflected in each unique track, having a style that ranges from pop-punk to thrash throughout the disc.

The band was recently signed to Winnipeg label Smallman Records, which will benefit immensely from having this band under their name. The Reason proves their talent with the release of *Ravenna*.

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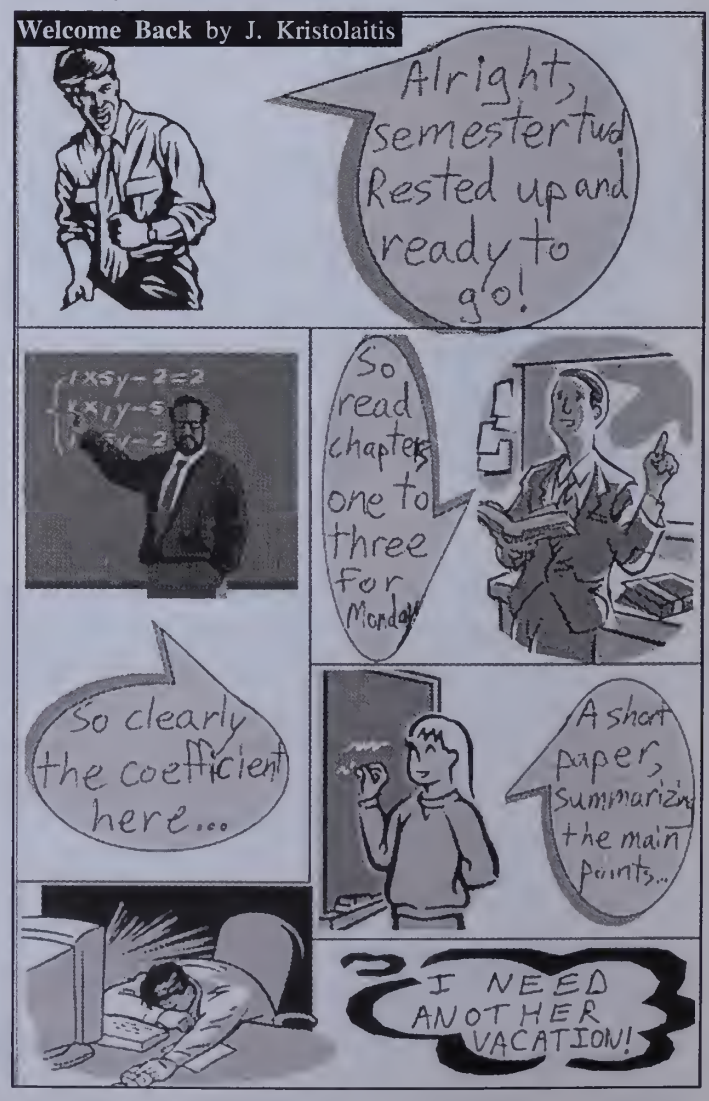
Welcome Back by J. Kristolaitis
Alright, semester two! Rested up and ready to go!
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So clearly the coefficient here...
A short paper, summarizing the main points...
I NEED ANOTHER VACATION!

Epic *LOTR* marathon raises funds for festival plays

MOVIE REVIEW:
The Lord of the Rings trilogy
BY JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

photo/ Erick Fournier

By the time *Return of the King* was showing, a sizeable crowd of *Lord of the Rings* fans filled the seats in the Presentation Room.

An entire day of *The Lord of the Rings* (*LOTR*) may not sound like fun to everyone, but for many fans, the Drama Club movie marathon was the perfect way to waste this past Saturday, January 8. The event was held partly for the love of the films, partly for the unveiling of *The Return of the King* extended version, and partly to raise money for the UTM entries to the U of T Drama Festival held at Hart House next week.

The epic adventure began at noon with *The Fellowship of the Ring*. For those of you unfamiliar with the Tolkien tale, here's a quick recap: after Bilbo leaves the Shire, Frodo is charged with safe-guarding the Ring. He takes it to Rivendell where it is decided a fellowship of two men (Aragorn and Boromir), four hobbits (Frodo, Sam, Merry and Pippin), a dwarf (Gimli), an elf (Legolas), and the wizard Gandalf will continue the journey to Mount Doom to destroy the all-powerful Ring. Adventures and battles ensue, including Gandalf's seemingly fatal fight with a powerful demon and Boromir's heroic defense of Merry and Pippin.

At four in the afternoon, *The Two Towers* continued the tale, picking up where Frodo and Sam left the fellowship to travel alone to Mordor; they soon pick up Gollum, a questionable creature, as their guide. Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli plan to rescue Merry and Pippin, but a renewed Gandalf takes care of that, leaving them with Treebeard. More adventures and battles ensue as we follow the dispersed fellowship members along their various paths. With the evil wizard Saruman left all wet at the end, the good guys seem to be winning.

Shortly after 8 p.m., *The Return of the King*, extended version (as were the first two films) began. Frodo and Sam continue to edge towards Mount Doom, run into men of Gondor, are forced off route and then set free to continue their quest. The warriors of the fellowship are busy building back old alliances, battling to save the race of man, and buying Frodo a bit of time to top the fiery summit. In the end, a slip of chance helps good defeat evil, and all ends well several times.

Watching the classic triology in all its epic glory is certainly a feat, and only a handful of us made a day of it. Some were hardcore *LOTR* fans, able to quote lines along with the movie and pick out every added scene. Some had seen the films a few times, but their love for the combination of a great story with excellent filmmaking brought them out. There were also those, like me, who saw the films in theatres the first time around, and that's about it. I was rarely sure which scenes were new and which I just didn't remember fully; however, this uncertainty never detracted from my enjoyment.

The best thing about seeing the epic unbroken is to realize just that: it is an absolutely continuous story. Having seen each installment a year apart (and several years ago at this point), I forgot that they really do pick up where the other left off. The story feels so much more powerful and amazing when you see it all at once. The stellar acting of the entire cast and the fabulous direction of Peter Jackson doesn't hurt the fable's force either. Neither do the lovely looks of Orlando Bloom (Legolas) and Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn).

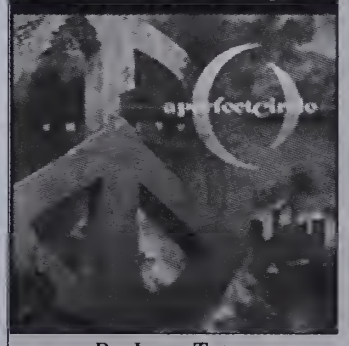
Special hidden humourous features were shown at the episodes' intermissions (each movie is two DVD discs!). People chipped in for pizza to conclude the second screening, and hobbit bites (chips, nachos and cheezies), lembas bread (at least, a human version of the elvin food), and ent draught (pop) were available throughout the day for a small price.

The main turnout was for the final installment, more than doubling the crowd present for the first two films. As people began to call out their support for Sam (arguably the true hero of the tale), add occasional quick quips, and count the endings, a sense of levity and pseudo-accomplishment spread through the audience. All who attended seemed to have a great time.

Whether the Drama Club will hold more movie marathons in the future is under discussion. Considering the success of this event, I'd start thinking of your favourite trilogies now, and get ready for some hardcore sitting.

A *Perfect* musical commentary

CD/DVD REVIEW
A Perfect Circle,
eMOTIVe* and *aMOTION



BY JULIE TYIOS

Veteran band **A Perfect Circle** have come out with two politically-inspired releases to carry into the new year: their latest album, *eMOTIVe*, and a DVD/CD duo entitled *aMOTION*. Released two weeks apart, both *eMOTIVe* and *aMOTION* are odes to the band's thoughts on the American government.

eMOTIVe features remakes of popular songs by **John Lennon**, **Marvin Gaye**, and **Depeche Mode**, along with a few others and some A Perfect Circle (APC) originals. The songs take on an eerie-haunting quality, as dictated by the exceptional vocal talents of **Tool** frontman Maynard James Keenan. John Lennon's "Imagine" is sincere in its message, still a vision of Lennon's dream in both the song and the accompanying video.

APC original song "Counting Bodies Like Sheep to the Rhythm of the War Drums" reflects the band's true talent, as it is nowhere near the dark, soulful quality of their other hit singles. Inspired by a heavy techno-thumping beat, the song casts a dark gloomy vision of the state of the world today in its war-torn glory under the leadership of the American government. This album showcases the band's unconventional style and unique sound, a tribute to their anti-war stance which will be loved by those who can appreciate the band's work.

Accompanying DVD/CD combo *aMOTION* features the band's past hit videos on DVD and an audio CD that showcases remixes of their popular singles. All three of the band's albums are included on both discs, spanning a four-year period of different styles and sounds. Popular hits such as "Judith," "The Outsider," "3 Libras," "Weak and Powerless" and "The Hollow" are all featured as both remixes and videos, and the DVD includes a powerful video for their latest single, the aforementioned "Counting Bodies Like Sheep to the Rhythm of the War Drums." The DVD also includes bonus materials pertaining to different outtakes of now-banned video for "The Outsider" and contest submissions for "Blue," as well as footage of the Bikini Bandits, a group of bikini-clad women who cause problems for society in the controversial video for "The Outsider."

Both *eMOTIVe* and *aMOTION* are must-haves for any APC fan. The discs manage to capture the group's unique, haunting character in a politically-driven and inspiring message.

2004 video games you should have played

BY DANY SHEHAB

The gaming gods blessed us with many high quality games in 2004. Keeping up with all the great games released was nearly impossible. Here are some games that may have slipped through the cracks while you enjoyed *Halo 2* or *Metroid Prime: Echoes*.

Feel the Magic: XY/XX (by Sega for Nintendo DS)

With mini-games that require you to physically blow out a candle or to shout at your system, *Feel the Magic* does a great job showing off the capabilities of the new Nintendo DS. The game puts you through a series of challenges that revolve around impressing the girl of your dreams. Although the game is a bit short, I highly recommend it for its incredibly fun gameplay and superb art style.

Beyond Good & Evil (by Ubisoft for Xbox, Playstation 2, GameCube, and PC)

Technically, this game was released in December 2003, but that doesn't change the fact that this masterfully crafted adventure game suffered from being released alongside other hyped-up blockbusters, so I have to recommend it. Sleek graphics and an interesting storyline even out the clever gameplay and battle system. This game stands up there with classics like the *Legend of Zelda* and *Resident Evil*. Moreover, you can find it at bargain bin prices. Get it.

The Karaoke Revolution series (by Konami for Xbox and Playstation 2)

Konami just pumped out *Karaoke Revolution 3* for the PS2 in November, complete with support for duets. Each game in the series comes with around 40 popular songs from different genres, so there's something for everyone to enjoy. With a system that actually judges the quality of your singing, the games offer a great party game and a solid solo experience if you want to improve the way you sing.

Katamari Damacy (by Namco for Playstation 2)

Namco creates a new genre with *Katamari Damacy* that should be called the roll-em-up. If rolling a ball of garbage that becomes bigger as you collect trees, people, cows, and buildings sounds like an absurd game to you, that's because it probably is. Matched with an even crazier storyline, the game oozes of creativity and style, with a happy soundtrack that is unparalleled in terms of strangeness. Don't miss this experience.

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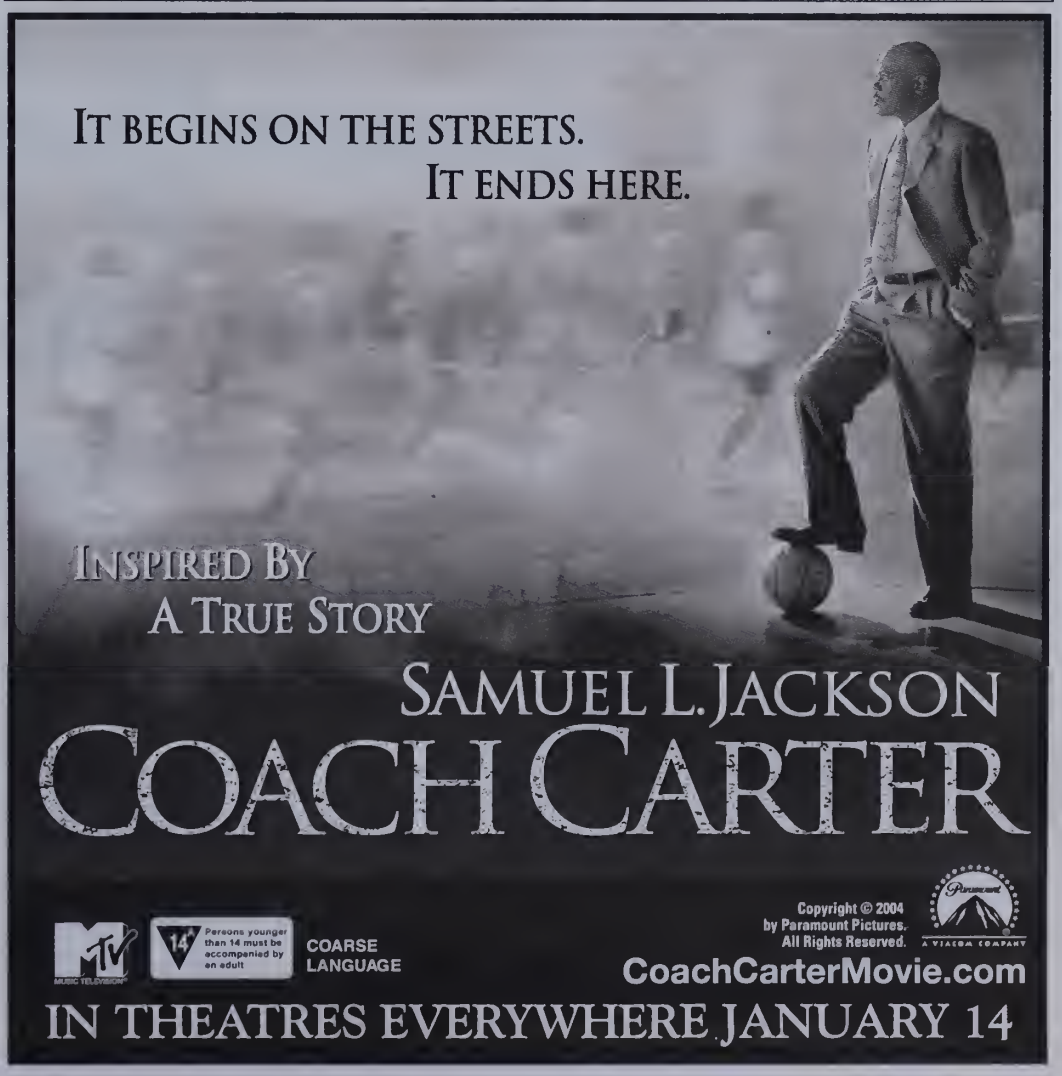
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Sports

New Feature: UTM Sports Standings

The Medium is pleased to present a new feature being implemented in this spring's Sports Section: standings for Men's and Women's UTM Intramural sports. Standings will appear for each UTM team and for all games played across the three U of T campuses. The standings for each sport will be updated weekly, along with the rank of each team in their respective sport. This feature will run throughout the entire UTM sports year, until every championship game is completed. Since only one UTM team has played so far this year, the Men's Ice Hockey, only their sports has an updated standing. The Standings for next week will be fully updated as the Intramural sports scene gets underway this week. We hope you like it.

Michael Singh, Sports Editor

Women's UTM Standings

Sport/Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Ranking
Basketball Division 1	0	0	0	N/A
Basketball Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Indoor Soccer Division 1	0	0	0	N/A
Indoor Soccer Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Volleyball Division 1	0	0	0	N/A
Volleyball Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Lacrosse	0	0	0	N/A
Ice Hockey	0	0	0	N/A

Men's UTM Standings

Sport/Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Ranking
Basketball Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Indoor Soccer Division 1	0	0	0	N/A
Indoor Soccer Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Volleyball Division 1	0	0	0	N/A
Volleyball Division 2	0	0	0	N/A
Lacrosse	0	0	0	N/A
Ice Hockey	0	0	1	N/A
Waterpolo	0	0	0	N/A

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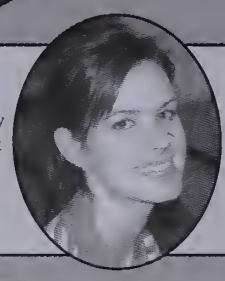
JOCK AND JILL TALK

"With the NHL season all but finished, have you missed hockey since the lockout began?"

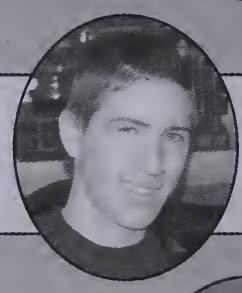
Meghan Barson, 2nd yr English & Drama

"I miss it terribly. I watched it all the time last year so I was excited when the juniors were on."



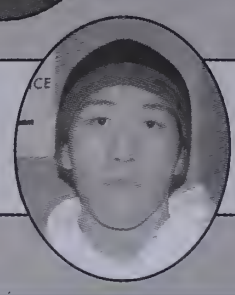
"I missed it. It was stupid that they were doing a lockout, it's all about the fans. I was glad at least there were the juniors"

Aerin Crabtree, 2nd year English & Classics



Mike Smith, 1st year social science & commerce

"Yeah I missed it and I"m fed up the players can't get over it. They will have to give in eventually and the owners have stopped caring."



"I didn't really miss it, I"m not a huge hockey fan"

Tom Hsu, 3rd year Bio-technology

photos/DenyseGibson

Stat Of The Week

UTM has a proud winning tradition and they continued that tradition in the fall by capturing two championships. The Eagles were able to bring home not only the Men's Division One volleyball title, but they also grabbed the Men's Division Two basketball title for the third straight time. Last year the Eagles grabbed five championships including Men's Div One basketball, Men's Div Two basketball, fall and winter, Men's Tri-Campus soccer and Women's Div One field hockey. UTM hopes to do it again this spring in their sixteen respective sports.

Canadian juniors beat Russians, claiming world junior championship for the first time since 1997

BY MICHAEL SINGH

Domination is the only word able to describe the play of Canada at the World Junior Championship this year. The 2005 Canadian Junior team looked unstoppable, marching their way through team after team without even breaking a sweat. The Canadians took on every team and dismantled them the same way, making it look like juniors against Pee Wees. Canada capped the tournament with a 6-1 beating against the Russian team, featuring top NHL draft pick Alexander Ovechkin. Canada used great defense to stifle the high powered Russians, limiting them to only 19 shots against their star goalie Jeff Glass.

Canada was able to utilize their offensive talent against the Russians by physically out playing them, enabling them to get better offensive chances. The Canadians came out flying, scoring only 51 seconds into the game when Ryan Getzlaf took a Jeff Carter pass and just blasted it right past Anton Khudobin, the Russian net minder. Canada then struck on the power play when Danny Syvret banked home a goal off Khudobin. Russia cut the lead to 2-1 on the power play just before the end of the period on an Alexei Emelin goal.

However, the Russian goal did not matter as Canada stormed out in the second period and took control of the game by scoring four goals in less than ten minutes. The four goals were unanswered by the Russians, with two of them on the power play, leading to Khudobin being pulled from net. Jeff Carter got the scoring started by netting his seventh goal of the tournament three minutes and thirty seconds into the period. Patrice Bergeron put home his fifth of the tourney on the power play and Anthony Stewart followed that up with his third. Dion Phaneuf put the finishing touches on Khudobin's night, by scoring his first on the power play. Russian star Ovechkin was heard talking trash before the game, but after being hit many times during the game, he turned out to be a non-factor, not even playing in the third period. "I wanted to let my play speak for itself and I think it did," said Glass. "Now (Ovechkin) is left with nothing. You say stuff like that, it's going to come back and bite you in the butt."

Canada exercised some demons in this game, after losing 2002 and 2003 championship games to Russia. This Canadian was arguably the best ever sent by Canada, especially with the NHL lockout allowing so many great players to be on the team this year instead of playing in the NHL. Canada used their talented defense to set up their offense during the tournament. The Canadian Junior's outscored their opposition 32-5 during the round robin portion of the tournament, which easily gave them top seeding from their group. Remarkably, Canada scored the 32 goals in only four games, giving them an average of eight goals per game. Canada took care of their semi-final opponents the Czech Republic 3-1, only allowing 11 shots on goal in the process. Canada never trailed during the tournament and took home the honors of MVP and best defensemen. Patrice Bergeron took home the MVP of the tournament award, while Dion Phaneuf, scoring his first goal in the final, took home the best defensemen award. Even the usually reserved Ottawa Senators owner John Muckler had to praise the team, calling them the best junior team ever. After this tournament, that assessment is very difficult to argue with.

NCAA Bowls bring excitement and disappointment

BY ANTHONY ZANFINI

There is nothing better than waking up on New Year's Day, after who knows what the night before and being able to spend the next few days recovering by watching premier U.S. college football match-ups. January 1 showcased games from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., but with the ever-increasing number of Bowl games played each year from mid-December to early January, only very few garner much attention and even fewer live up to expectations. With the Bowl Championship Series in effect for the seventh season, it is only the bowls with the coveted BCS name that seem to catch the eye of most fans. This year was the BCS Orange Bowl's turn to award the title. However, before the title was handed out, there were three other BCS games to be played.

Rose Bowl

#6 Texas 38
#13 Michigan 37

A last play, 37-yard field goal by Texas kicker Dusty Mangum lifted the Longhorns to their first ever Rose Bowl win, and proved they deserved to play in a BCS game. The first meeting between the No. 1 and 3 all-time leaders in wins in NCAA history did not disappoint. The game started slowly, finishing 7-0 after the first quarter in favor of Texas.

Two Michigan touchdown passes from freshman QB Chad Henne to All-American receiver Braylon Edwards for 39 and 8 yards sandwiched an 11-yard TD strike from Texas QB Vince Young to leave it tied at halftime. A dazzling 60-yard, opening drive scramble by Young for the score was Texas's only third quarter points. Two more touchdown passes for the Maze and Blue, along with a late field goal put the Wolverines up going into the fourth.

Michigan's inability to put it home from inside the red zone along with two more TD runs by Young was the difference. It was the third time this season that the Michigan defense was exploited by a QB with running ability. Young had runs of 10 and 23, alternating with two UM field goals to bring Texas back. With Michigan leading 37-35 with 3:04 left Texas drove down to setup the winning kick. A low that just made it over the bar left the Texas sideline celebrating their first ever Rose Bowl win, and Michigan's second consecutive loss at the Pasadena site.

Players of the Game:

UT: QB Vince Young. Rushed for 192 yards and four touchdowns and passed for 180 yards and another TD.

UM: WR Braylon Edwards. The senior wide receiver caught 10 passes for 118 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

Fiesta Bowl

#5 Utah 35
#19 Pittsburgh 7

The Utah Utes' dream 12-0 undefeated season led by second Team All-American QB Alex Smith was capped by a dominating performance over the Panthers.

Utah became the first non-BCS conference school to play in a BCS game, and the first to win one too. Utah looked like a school that deserved a better opponent than the 8-4 Panthers, and deserved a chance to play a more highly regarded team. Smith led the Utes throwing for 328 yards and four TDs. All aspects of the game were dominated by Utah, who was up 14-0 at the half. They scored touchdowns on five of their first seven possessions and put the game away in the third quarter by scoring 21 points to Pitt's seven. The Utes' last score was a brilliant reverse on a-hook-and-ladder, from 18 yards out by Paris Warren. The Mountain West Conference champions used many formations and trick plays to dizzy the Pitt defense. Another Utah score was on wide-receiver reverse.

Pitt QB Tyler Palko had a hard game getting sacked nine times, but to his credit didn't throw a pick. The Utah defense was just as dominating as the offense, in more ways than the sacks. It was kept on the field longer than Pitt's and it also managed to block a field goal in the first half.

Players of the Game:

UU: QB Alex Smith threw for 328 yards and four TDs.

Pitt: QB Palko went 22 of 40 throwing for 251 yards and 1TD.

Sugar Bowl

#3 Auburn 16
#9 Virginia Tech 13

Auburn completed its first perfect season since 1993 with QB Jason Campbell throwing a touchdown pass, and John Vaughn kicking three short field goals. Virginia Tech (10-3) could have made things easier on the BCS by upsetting Auburn. However, the Hokies had a couple of major blunders, dropping a pass in the end zone and missing a chip-shot field goal. This assured there would be three undefeated teams by the time it was all done. If anything, the game played into the hands of the BCS justification. Only 9-0 at half time, and with it 16-0 Auburn late in the fourth quarter, VT made the last seven minutes interesting. After staying close by limiting big plays from highly touted Auburn running backs Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams, Hokie QB Bryan Randall threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Josh Morgan with 6:58 left in the game. Then with 2:01 left Randall threw the 80-yard touchdown pass to Morgan, who somehow slipped behind Auburn's prevent defense.

The game was only settled when the Tigers' recovered an onside kick and kneeled the last two minutes away for the 16-13 final.

Players of the Game:

AU: QB Campbell was 11 of 16 for 189 yards with one TD.

VT: QB Randall was 21 of 38 for 299 yards with two TDs. He also threw two picks, but was the Hokies' leading rusher with 45 yards.

Orange Bowl

#1 Southern California 55
#2 Oklahoma 19

USC left no doubt over their No. 1 ranking, finishing the season 13-0 and becoming the first school since Nebraska in 1993-1994 to win back to back titles. USC won a share of the title last year, by finishing first in the human polls. They also became only the second team ever to be ranked first from preseason to final rankings. Florida State in 1999 was the first to do so.

After a 5-yard OU TD reception halfway through the first quarter by Travis Wilson, USC took over. They scored 28 straight points from then until the 5:43 mark of the second quarter. Their first touchdown was an amazing one-handed TD by the big Tight-End Dominique Byrd for 33 yards. Their second score was setup by a special teams gaff when OU fumbled a punt and USC recovered. The next two were through the air, including a 54-yard, broken coverage hookup with Dwayne Jarrett. OU cut it 28-10 with a 29-yard field goal, but another 33-yard USC touchdown pass to Steve Smith, added to a field goal, made it 38-10 at half.

After the break there was more of the fifteenth ranked USC offense. The ninth ranked Oklahoma defense looked in shambles all night and halftime did not do a thing to change their play. USC put up another 17 points from the break, with another Leinart passing TD until OU sealed the score with a safety and 9-yard receiving touchdown in the last ten minutes.

The star running backs for both teams were lost and ineffective. If both defenses keyed on the running backs, they left the passing attacks open as even OU put up 244 yards through the air. USC's Bush ran for 75 yards and was outplayed by teammate LenDale White's 115 yards. OU's Peterson, who finished second in Heisman voting could not get his game established because of his team trailing. He finished with 82 yards.

Players of the Game:

USC: QB Matt Leinart. The Heisman winner was 18 of 35 with an Orange Bowl record 5 TDs.

OU: RB Adrian Peterson. The freshman was able to get 82 yards on 25 carries, even with his team in the hole.

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UTM and UTSC square off in an offensive free-for-all

by Neil Meneses

"Two centers...two centers and four D," exclaimed Mark Deciantis, center for the UTM Men's Intercampus hockey team, as he prepared the lineup on the bench before the game. When the puck dropped to start the first period, UTM had only ten skaters and one goalie.

The UTSC team, compared to the UTM squad, looked pumped up and organized for the Friday night match between these rival campuses. They enjoyed a full bench: three forward lines, five defensemen and two goalies. They flooded the tiny benches of Varsity Arena as the zamboni began resurfacing the ice, calmly and quietly focused for game time. UTM players, however, continued to show up throughout the first period. The odds were really stacked against the Eagles in their first game.

Despite a short bench, UTM flew out of the gate. Their offensive threat boasted finesse and strength. UTSC banged the UTM squad, checked hard, and showed their readiness for the rivalry, but only three minutes into the first period UTM had a 1-0 lead. Mark Deciantis, who lead UTM scorers with 1 goal and 3 assists, skated out from the corner, in front of the goal, and put a backhand shot on net. His winger managed to muscle off a defender in front of the goal and batted in the rebound. UTM struck again when a weak wrist shot from just inside the UTSC zone somehow fooled their goalie, making it 2-0 with 7:35 left in the first period. The 2-0 would not hold for very long though.

UTSC continued to hit harder and more often than a UTM team that did not look interested in playing a physical game early on. They thumped UTM deep in their zone, and scored two goals less than a minute after UTM had scored their second goal. Both goals originated from behind the UTM net and finished with a UTSC player swatting in a rebound past Jesse Boyce, goalie for the UTM team. Boyce was giving it his all but with constant rebounds in front of the net, it was only a matter of time before UTSC put them in the net. Both goals originated from hard fore checking by the UTSC squad, who were dominating in the UTM zone with their physical play.

UTM began to employ the same technique. They crashed the net and thumped UTSC defensemen and regained a two goal lead with 2:30 left in the first period. The second goal, which made the score 4-2, came off a rebound on a beautiful kick save by the UTSC goalie, which foiled a lovely set-up play on a two-on-one break by UTM. Deciantis, after setting up the initial play, swooped out from behind the goal to smack in the rebound.

UTSC continued to skate hard, and scored, again, on a pretty breakaway goal late in the first period. The UTSC forward made three moves before sliding the puck along the ice, from his forehand, through UTM goalie Jesse Boyce's five-hole. The breakaway was costly, as UTM could not give UTSC any oppportunity to stay in the game, considering their lack of players.

Jesse Boyce called the first period "a shout out," and said his team seemed "a little put together at the last minute."

It was UTM's first game after the winter break, and the time off showed as the team look unorganized early on. However, their offense was on fire in the first period. In fact, offensive firepower dominated the first period for both teams. Most goals came on second or third consecutive shots on goal. Both goalies faced a plethora of pucks in the first.

Nevertheless, UTM had more finesse, the better of two shaky goalies, and a 4-3 lead at periods end.

The second period looked like the New Jersey Devils and the Minnesota Wild had stepped onto the ice, as the defensive intensity picked up heavily. Both teams cooled down on the offence and played a more organized defensive style. Both goalies settled down and made big saves. On the penalty kill twice in the second period, UTM relied on Boyce to stave off the UTSC attack. Boyce made one particularly huge save. He sprawled across the crease legs first, kicked out a rebound shot with his left skate and corralled the loose puck to stop the play.

UTM played more physical near the end of the second period, especially after UTSC tied the game on an awkward bounce. A slap shot ricocheted off the end glass behind the UTM goal and in front of a UTSC player who put it into the yawning net. UTM's lead was gone thanks to a lucky bounce and a player in the right spot and the right time for UTSC.

The UTM players rallied and hit everything that moved, lead by #80 on UTM. He cranked a UTSC defenseman with a heavy, bone breaking, clean hit that flipped the UTSC player to the ice face first, and raised cheers from the UTM fans in attendance. That was the type of hit that brought back memories of players like Scott Stevens laying out Paul Kariya in the NHL. The UTSC player retaliated with two seconds left on the clock, kneeing #80 in his stomach as he attempted to fly up ice. This was a blatant cheap shot that resulted in a necessary penalty that went into the third period.

This allowed UTM to begin the third period on the power play, but they quickly lost the advantage on a penalty taken by #55. However, UTM killed off the short-handed disadvantage easily, once again with the help of Boyce.

Due to a short bench, (UTM had only eight forwards and four defensemen by the third period) fatigue set in for most of the UTM team by the beginning of the third period. The Eagles had shown energy throughout, but were now fading in the third period. However, goalie Jesse Boyce looked like he used the first two periods as a warm up. He repelled the potent and energetic UTSC attack, stopping second and third shots regularly. Penalties did not help the fatigue factor.

"Stupid penalties...If we stay out of the box we can beat any team in the league." Mark Deciantis said after the game. He knows his team well.

Pressure from a string of dumb penalties, penalties resulting from tired UTM players hauling down UTSC forwards, created gorgeous scoring chances for UTSC in the third. Finally, after stopping a half-dozen point-blank shots, a screened shot from the slot beat Boyce stick side with just under ten minutes to play in the third period. The Eagles inablity to clear the puck from the area around the net continued to hurt them into the third period and now they lost the lead.

UTM trailed their opponents, 5-4, for the first time all game. Loosing seemed to reenergize the tired squad. They looked pumped and angry for the first time throughout the match. They tied the game on a beautiful finish by #60. The Eagle roofed the puck after taking a cross crease pass fed from the corner.

Despite heavy pressure late in the game by UTSC, the game finished tied at 5-5. UTM was able to hold on after the late charge by UTSC that almost resulted in an opening loss for UTM. The goaltenders ended up deciding the offensive duel, as both goalies played strong in the third period.

UTM looked tired in the third, and could use a better turn out from its players. The team looked winded. A couple more sets of legs and UTM could have easily won this match. Hopefully the Eagles will have more fresh bodies available in their next game or they could be on the losing end, instead of just tying

Call for Nominations for the Governing Council

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Wednesday, January 5th to Friday, January 28th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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12:10pm-1:00pm	**Step & Sculpt** **Brenda Mazur** Teaching Studio	**Body Blast** **Miranda MacDonald** Teaching Studio **Women's Only**	**Pilates I** **Jodi Livingstone** Gym	**Kickbox** **Brenda Mazur** Teaching Studio **Women's Only**	**"20/20/20"** **Jodi Livingstone** Teaching Studio
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4:10pm - 5:00pm	**Kickbox** **Litsa Sotiriou** Teaching Studio				
5:30pm - 6:30pm		**Tour de UTM** **(Spinning)** **Jason Ballie** Teaching Studio	**Indoor Rowing** **Andrew Snowball** UTM Boathouse (Fit Stop)		
6:00pm – 7:00pm				**Body Blast** **Liz Ryu** Teaching Studio	
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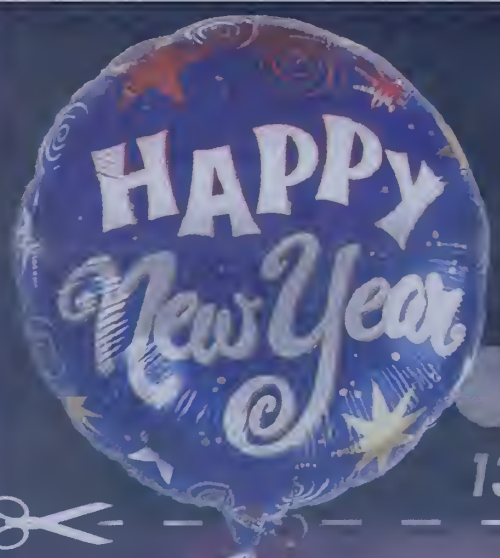

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